

**SUPPORT FOR MR. RICHARD EDGREN'S PROPOSAL FOR THE USE
OF THE PLENARY POWERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRIVIAL NAME
"SIMUS" LINNAEUS, 1767, AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION
"COLUBER SIMUS" (CLASS REPTILIA)**

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(Commission's reference Z.N.(S.)662)

(Letter dated 9th October 1952)

We are entirely in favour of Mr. Richard Edgren's proposal for action to confirm the current usage of the names *Heterodon simus* and *Heterodon platyrhinos* and to place the trivial names *simus* and *platyrhinos* on the *Official List of Specific Trivial Names in Zoology*. This refers to your Z.N.(S.)662 (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 6 : 354-355).

**SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED USE OF THE PLENARY POWERS TO
DETERMINE THE SPECIES TO WHICH THE TRIVIAL NAME "SIMUS"
LINNAEUS, 1767 (AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION "COLUBER
SIMUS" SHOULD APPLY (CLASS REPTILIA))**

By LAURENCE M. KLAUBER
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(Commission's reference Z.N.(S.)662)

(Letter dated 15th October 1952)

I have reviewed the proposal set forth by Richard A. Edgren (*Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 6, p. 354) with regard to the allocation of certain trivial names in the genus *Heterodon*. I am fully in agreement with his proposal, believing that it will eliminate future confusion that would otherwise be inevitable.

**SUPPORT FOR DR. J. WYATT DURHAM'S PROPOSAL FOR THE USE
OF THE PLENARY POWERS TO VALIDATE THE GENERIC NAME
"MELLITA" AS FROM AGASSIZ, 1841 (CLASS ECHINOIDEA)**

By H. ENGEL
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(Commission's reference Z.N.(S.)677)

(Letter dated 1st September 1952)

I fully agree with the proposal (Z.N.(S.)677) of J. Wyatt Durham (1952, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 6 : 359-360) to validate the generic name *Mellita* (Class Echinoidea) as from Agassiz, 1841, under the plenary powers.

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